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CARPET INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value and quantity of carpet exported during the last three years and current year; year-wise;

(b) whether the Indian carpet industry has been witnessing decreasing exports during the last two years;

(c) if so, whether help of foreign designers is being taken to achieve the export target;

(d) whether Indian carpet industry is suffering from obsolete machinery and designs; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The export of carpets for the last three years and current year, year-wise is as under:-

Sl.No.	Year	Value of Rs in Crores
1.	2003-04	2779.79
2.	2004-05	2583.62
3.	2005-06	2749.86
4.	2006-07 (upto April-Oct.,2006)	1816.32

Quanitity-wise data is not maintained.

(b) No Sir. The export of Indian Carpets has not decreased during last two years. In fact, it decreased during 2004-05 but the export of carpets has witnessed growth in the year 2005-06.

(c) Services of foreign designers were not used in carpet sector through Government funding.

(d) Hand operated looms and tools are used for weaving of handmade carpets.

(e) Steps for development and promotion of handmade carpets industry including skill up-gradation of weavers through training, creating awareness of policy and programme among the stake-holders through workshops/seminars, participation in international fairs/exhibitions.

Besides, IICT has been established at Bhadohi to provide technical support to the industry to make it a vibrant sector.